

The Responsible Fathers Report

March 2025



A Message From Our Founder

The Spring semester at the Responsible Fathers Initiative is in full swing! With 7 different classes each week, we are reaching many fathers, mothers, and teens from Talbot and Dorchester Counties. We are also incredibly fortunate to partner with other local organizations and work together to strengthen families and relationships across the Shore.

I hope you will take a few minutes to read through our newsletter and learn about the impact that your generous support is making for local families. On behalf of myself, the RFI Board of Advisors, and all of our program participants, I want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for all that you make possible for those we serve. We could not do it without you!

With Thanks,

Corey Pack, RFI Founder/Lead Facilitator

Current Class Offerings

RFI is currently serving a total of 27 men, women, and teens across the following programs:

Inside Out Dad & Understanding Dad for Moms

Both classes are hosted by the Talbot County Detention Center and funded by the Talbot Department of Social Services.

Youth Engagement Groups

Hosted by Mace's Lane Middle School and funded by Delmarva Community Services in Cambridge. Hosted by the Easton Family YMCA and funded by the Neighborhood Service Center in Easton.

24/7 Dad

Hosted and funded by Delmarva Community Services in Cambridge. Hosted and funded by the Neighborhood Service Center in Easton.

****Learn more about our research-backed classes at responsiblefathersinitiative.org/about-our-mission***

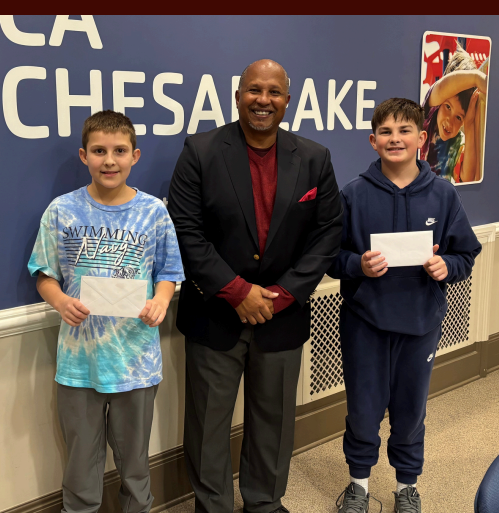


Closing Out 2024

We were thrilled to have the opportunity to end our Winter Semester of 2024 by celebrating our participants' hard work!

Spirits were high as we gathered to share some holiday cheer, hear inspiring words from prominent local leaders like Dorchester County Manager Jerry Jones and Mayor Lejan Cephas, and present certificates to those who completed the first semester of our program.

We would like to give special thanks to our sponsors, Delmarva Community Services in Cambridge and the Neighborhood Service Center in Easton. These two wonderful partners enable us to continue fulfilling our mission to empower fathers to become more responsible, accountable, and engaged active participants in the lives of their children.



Your Incredible Impact!

Your generous donations allow us to assist our program participants with important needs. Below are a few of the many ways in which you have impacted local families this year:

- Working alongside Talbot Interfaith Shelter, thanks to you we housed a father and son facing homelessness at Days Inn for several nights.
- Your gifts provided financial workbooks for a financial skills workshop at the Neighborhood Service Center on February 20th.
- Your support enabled us to hire program graduate, Kymaine Maddox, as an assistant for our Youth Engagement Program at the YMCA.

Youth Engagement Trip To The Academy Art Museum

We recently partnered with the Dream Big Academy from Cambridge to bring the students in our Youth Engagement Program for a tour of the Academy Art Museum in Easton. The kids also enjoyed a captivating presentation by Shelton Hawkins of Play in Color!



Coming Up At The Responsible Fathers Initiative...

There is lots of exciting news to come at RFI! We have been contacted by the Maryland Department of Health in Dorchester County to conduct three workshops on the importance of fatherhood and family health. We have also been invited to present at the MCAP Human Services Conference in Ocean City this May. In addition, we will be presenting at the International Father and Family Conference in Bethesda, MD in June. We are also excited to continue our participation in the Washington College Youth Enrichment Summer Camp!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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